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SUBJECT: UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: CYPRUS

1. GREEK MISOFF (GOUNARIS) CALLED ON HA COUNSELOR THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF REFUGEES IN CYPRUS IN CONTEXT FORTHCOMING UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, OCTOBER 4 TO 12. GOUNARIS STATED THAT GREEK DELEGATION WOULD RAISE SUBJECT IN THE GENERAL DEBATE (ITEM 3). HE SAID THAT TONE OF GREEK INTERVENTION WOULD BE DETERMINED LARGELY BY RESULTS OF CURRENT FOREIGN MINISTER-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS NOW IN PROGRESS IN NEW YORK. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, GOUNARIS SAID THAT GREEK INTENTION IS TO PRESENT SUBJECT IN "MUCH Milder" TONE THAN LAST YEAR'S INTERVENTION WHEN GREEK CHIEF OF DELEGATION METAXAS WAS INTERRUPTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY HIS TURKISH COUNTERPART. GOUNARIS ADDED THAT GREEK STATEMENT WOULD BE ADDRESSED PRINCIPALLY TO POINT THAT PROBLEM NOT ONLY CONTINUED TO EXIST BUT HAD ACTUALLY GROWN OVER PAST YEAR WITH 11,000 MORE GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES OR DISPLACED PERSONS ADDED TO CAMPS AS

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RESULT OF OUT-FLOW FROM TURKISH CONTROLLED SECTOR.

2. GOUNARIS, STATING THAT HE RECOGNIZED DELICACY
OF U.S. POSITION AND THAT WE COULD NOT TAKE SIDES ON
ISSUE, INQUIRED WHETHER OUR DELEGATION MIGHT NOT SAY
"JUST A SENTENCE OR TWO" TO THE EFFECT THAT WE RECOGNIZE
THE EXISTENCE OF THE REFUGEE PROBLEM IN CYPRUS AND THAT WE WOULD
HOPE FOR ITS EARLY AND SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION. HE
WAS ADVISED THAT HIS REQUEST WOULD BE CONVEYED AND
THAT MISSION WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM SUBSEQUENTLY.
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